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Dear Theresa and Chrissy,

I am writing to submit a written testimony on the Governor's Recommended FY 2021 State Budget in advance of the public forums later this week. I am unable to attend the forums and hope you will submit my written comment to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Thank you!

Testimony:

I am a resident of Montpelier and have lived in Vermont most of my life. Vermont is a stronger, more vibrant community when we embrace people of all backgrounds and provide tangible means of support to anyone who needs it regardless of their citizenship status or country of origin. Everyone needs support in the midst of this pandemic, especially those who have been historically marginalized, such as immigrant families. The contributions of immigrants to our state are immeasurable and essential, and I am heartened to see the \$2 million dollars added to the budget to provide them with Covid-19 relief. This is a great start, but it just isn't enough. I am writing in support of Migrant Justice's call to fully fund the Immigrant Families Coronavirus Relief Fund – \$5 million in total – in the FY2021 budget.

Thank you,

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